

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 687

By Hemmer

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Lyell.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Lyell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyell was an esteemed attorney and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, John Lyell had practiced law since 1975 in a wide variety of civil matters, with a particular emphasis on legislative advocacy and administrative law; and

WHEREAS, widely recognized for his expertise as a lobbyist, his tenacious advocacy, and his intelligent approach, Mr. Lyell compiled an extensive resume over the years, including legislative advocacy for Fortune 500 companies, large trade associations, major league sports franchises, and numerous small businesses; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyell possessed a unique combination of legal expertise and a deep sense of empathy, making him a fierce proponent and a trusted confidant for those in need; and

WHEREAS, beyond his many professional accomplishments, he was a man of humor and humility with a knack for lightening up even the most serious situations with his quick wit and infectious laughter; and

WHEREAS, a highly sought-after speaker, John Lyell lectured at Vanderbilt University, Rhodes College, Middle Tennessee State University, and Tennessee State University, in addition to serving as an emcee at numerous Capitol Hill events; and

WHEREAS, among Mr. Lyell's many professional achievements were his selection as a fellow of the Nashville Bar Foundation, member of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission, member of the Tennessee Judicial Selection Commission, chairman of the board

of directors of The Advocacy Group, and first chairman and board member of the Tennessee Lobbyist Association; and

WHEREAS, John Lyell won accolades for being rated as one of the top ten lobbyists in Tennessee and one of the top 100 influential persons in Tennessee by *Business TN Magazine* and one of the best lobbyists in Tennessee by *The Tennessean*; he was also a recipient of the Tennessee Lobbyists Association Outstanding Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lyell exemplified the allegiance to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Lyell, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his many contributions to the people of Tennessee, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lyell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.